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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : Visit of Colonel Macia to HTAUTOMAT

1. At long last after a number of tries Colonel Macia has visited HTAUTOMAT for the first time. The occasion was a visit of Colonel Stapleton, who, I understand, is taking Colonel Dick Stewart's place as Chief of the Collection Division, AFCIN. I call this to your attention because of Colonel Macia's reported surprise and amazement at what he saw, including the advanced exploitation gear which Art has assembled. It is said that Colonel Walker, who was also present and who has had great difficulty persuading Macia of their own need for up-dated gear in the PI unit in AFCIN, was very much pleased that possibly he will now get some support for some long-sought expenditures.

2. Colonel Macia for the first time also seemed to take an interest in the possibility of placing some AFCIN people in the HTAUTOMAT unit.

3. I mention the foregoing because while we have managed to get along reasonably well with AFCIN as you know there are times when things have been a bit strained, and it has been difficult to get cooperation. Perhaps this exposure to what can be done will loosen them up a bit further.

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